1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Nagaland	2	66	—	—
4.	Orissa	1	62		
	Total:	5	349	2	60

Changes in Education Policy

† 2812. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that changes in the education policy and new courses by Government have created serious difficulties for scholars, teachers, socialities, students and parents and they are discussing its effects on our future;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the new education system, irrelevant facts have been mentioned about many great personalities of the country;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to make the education controversy free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, continues to be in operation. New courses have only been introduced by the University Grants Commission in interested Universities.

(b) to (d) Concerns about certain references to personalities, leaders, some sections of the society etc. found included in the history text books at school level have been received from some quarters. Central Board of Secondary Educaiton (CBSE)/National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) are taking necessary action in this regard. Due care is taken by the NCERT, while developing text books anew, based on the new syllabi in

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

accordance with the National Curriculum Framework, to ensure that textbooks do not contain any material/reference likely to hurt the sentiments of any section of the society.

Rejection of Mahajan Committee Recommendations in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

2813. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baldeo Mahajan Committee's recommendations, earlier accepted by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 2000, have since been rejected in 2001, without even implementing the same; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale of such a decision of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee were not implementable because the flexible budget which was a prerequisite for the implementation of these recommendations could not be provided by the Govt. It was therefore decided with the approval of Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan not to implement the recommendations.

AICTE Norms for Fees in Engineering Colleges

2814. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned, "Irregularities in Gujarat engineering College", appearing in the Hindu of 6th September, 2001;

(b) whether All India Council of Technical Education has laid down guidelines for charging fees by the engineering institutions;

(c) if so, the reasons for charging hefty fee by the institution; and